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SUB: CIVAIR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

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1. INFO REFTEL HAS BEEN PASSED TO GOIC BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE. CIVAIR DIRECTOR SAVANE HAS INFORMALLY ADVISED EMBOFF THAT OCT 11 DATE FOR START OF NEGOTIATIONS IN ABIDJAN IS SATISFACTORY. HE HAS IDENTIFIED PROBABLE IVORIAN NEGOTIATING TEAM AS CONSISTING OF MESSRS. SAVANE (CIVAIR DIRECTOR), DIOUFF (ASECNA), COULIBALY (AIR AFRIQUE, ABIDJAN), GUIRMA (AIR AFRIQUE), COULIBALBY (AIR AFRIQUE, NEW YORK -- SUBJ TO CONFIRMATION), AND MME FERRAND (MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS).

2. IN FORMAL CONVERSATION, SAVANE STATED THAT HE ANTICIPATED NO PROBLEM WITH ART 9 IN RELEGATING CAPACITY LIMITATIONS TO EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. HE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT COMPROMISE BE REACHED ON ART 13 (DENUNCIATION) POSSIBLY UTILIZING AN EXCHNAGE OF LETTERS TO DEFINE

POSSIBLE "REASONS" FOR FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT DECREE OF ARBITRATION PANEL. HE ACCEPTED PROMISE (IMPLICIT IN CONFIDENTIAL

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MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATIONS) OF U.S. ASSURANCE AS TO

DESIGNATION OF SINGLE CARRIER.

3. SAVANE OFFERED TO EXCHANGE IN ADVANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS COPIES OF PROPOSED ROUTE SCHEDULES. HE WILL CONTACT AIR AFRIQUE AUG 9 TO CONFIRM THEIR WILLINGNESS ON THIS POINT. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPT INSTRUCTIONS AS TO FEASIBILITY OF SUCH EXCHANGE.

4. EMBASSY CIVIL AIR OFFICER GROSSMAN DEPARTS ON R&R AUG. 12 AND WILL BE IN NEW YORK SEPT 10-20. IF DEPT WISHES TO ARRANGE CONSULTATIONS IN WASHDC, ADVISE PROMPTLY BY TELEGRAM. CONTACT PHONE IN NEW YORK IS (212) 721-6876 (DURING BUSINESS HOURS.)
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